

REMARKS

The Notice of Non-Complaint Amendment dated, August 31, 2004, has been carefully reviewed and the following remarks are made in consequence thereof.

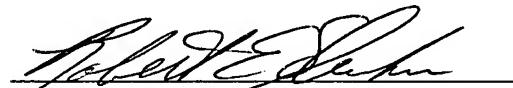
Claims 1-4, 6-35, and 37-51 are pending in the application. Claims 1-12, 15-17, 20-35, 38-44, and 47 stand rejected. Claims 45, 46, and 48-51 have been allowed. Claims 13, 18, 19, 36, and 37 are objected to. Claims 5 and 36 have been canceled.

According to the Notice of Non-Complaint Amendment, the Amendment filed March 31, 2004, failed to meet the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121. Specifically, the Notice states that Claim 12 does meet the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121, "Amendments to the Claims," because Claim 12 was listed without the required Status Identifier.

Therefore Applicants respectfully submit herewith a listing of all claims including the status identifier of Claim 12, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121.

In view of the amendments and remarks made in the Amendment filed March 31, 2004, this application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and favorable action is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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